Touring with Cass Gilbert

Cass Gilbert Society
October 11-15, 2007
Cass Gilbert sites in Manhattan and Brooklyn
Alexander Hamilton United States Custom House, Bowling Green 1899-1907
Main floor entrance hall at left

Rotunda at the right
Details in private office

Details in cashier’s office
New York Life Insurance Company Building,
51 Madison Avenue at East 26th Street, 1926-1928
Entrance doorway at left and bronze sign
Brooklyn Army Terminal, Sunset Park, Brooklyn, 1918-1919
Visiting the interior courtyard

Courtyard under construction
Chuck Post, Tom and Ellen Fridinger, and Helen Curry in front of Cass Gilbert photo

Group listening to Carmine Giordano at right
View of open floors with mushroom columns in Building A
Exterior bridges linking the buildings
Lunch at Café Europa, across the street from Rodin Studios
Rodin Studios,
200 West 57th Street,
1916-1917
Window details, former double-height studios

Renovated entrance hall with restored ceiling
Original surviving floor at left; terra-cotta details below
SJM Building, 130 West 30th Street, 1927-1928
Terra-cotta details from Atlantic Terra Cotta Co.; bronze elevator doors
Broadway-Chambers Building, 277 Broadway, 1899-1900

Cass Gilbert’s first New York City building
Granite at the base; Zanesville, Ohio, brick; Perth Amboy Terra Cotta Company terra cotta at top
Thurgood B. Marshall
United States Courthouse,
40 Centre Street,
Foley Square,
1933-1936

Cass Gilbert’s last New York City building, completed by Cass Gilbert, Jr.
Do you want to be in pictures? Filming in Foley Square
New York County Lawyers' Association, 14 Vesey Street, 1928-1930
Staircase from entrance lobby, above; second floor lounge at right
West Street Building,
90 West Street,
1905-1907
Cedar Street entrance, above; damaged terra cotta, upper right; West Street entrance, lower right
Lobby towards West Street, top left; lobby towards Cedar Street, lower left; recast gargoyle, upper right
Woolworth Building,
233 Broadway,
1910-1913

The world’s tallest building for 17 years
Details of the terra-cotta facade
Nick Marcucci and Ann Schroder admiring the entrance lobby.

Gargoyles of Cass Gilbert and F. W. Woolworth at right; Thomas R. Johnson was the sculptor.
Edward J. Hogan, rental agent

Gunvald Aus, engineer

Louis Horowitz, builder

Lewis Pierson, Irving Bank
Staircase from lobby to former Irving Bank space
Touring in the tower
Ceiling in Woolworth’s private office
Rebuilt finial, above; terra-cotta detail at right
Views from the observation deck; Brooklyn Bridge and Manhattan Bridge above; New York City Municipal Building and U.S. Courthouse at right
Chuck Post, Helen Curry, and Steve Flanders, above; Roy Suskind, one of the building owners, at right
Steve Flanders and Barbara Christen, top left; Cindy Stephani, bottom left; Marjorie Pearson, above
Dinner at the Woolworth Kitchen
Essex County Courthouse, Newark, N.J., 1901-1907
Entering the building below the front steps, upper left; Guastavino tile vaulting, upper right; entrance hallway, lower left.
Interior hall and staircases
Courtroom
Mural at top depicts the landing of Philip Carteret, by Howard Pyle
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Mural by Kenyon Cox,
“The Beneficence of the Law”
Courtroom mural by Edwin Blashfield
Hunts Point Railroad Station, Bruckner Blvd., The Bronx, 1909-1910
Checking out the goods on Arthur Avenue
Tom Blanck and Steve Flanders in Arthur Avenue Market, above; Wendy Weimer, Cindy Stephani, Marjorie Pearson, Tom Fridinger on Arthur Avenue, right
Waterbury (Conn.) City Hall, 235 Grand Street, 1914-1915

Part of the Cass Gilbert Historic District, Waterbury, Connecticut
Landscaped terraces in front of City Hall, at left;
Firehouse wing at rear of City Hall
Entrance Hall, upper left; Council Chamber, lower left; Upper level of stairhall, above
Chase Brass and Copper Company, now Chase Municipal Building, 236 Grand Street, Waterbury, 1917-1919

Nick Marcucci is reading about the local rehabilitation efforts.
Hallway in Chase Building; staircase to second floor
Former Waterbury National Bank,
195 Grand Street, Waterbury, Conn.
1919-1922

Interior of banking hall at right
Chase Dispensary, now the Connecticut Community Foundation, 43 Field Street, Waterbury, Conn., 1923-1924
Wendy Weimer making a presentation to the mayor of Waterbury, at left

Mayor of Waterbury, Wendy Weimer, Ann Burton, Barbara Christen, Steve Flanders, Nick Marcucci in background, at right
Ives Memorial Library, now New Haven Free Public Library, New Haven, Conn., Elm and Temple, on New Haven Green, 1908-1911
Library with 1988 addition, designed by Hardy, Holzman, Pfeiffer Associates

Staircase inside front entrance
Main Hall
Mural by Bancel LaFarge
Reading Room in new wing
New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Station, now Union Station, New Haven, Connecticut, 1909-1918
Canopy over the entrance
Main waiting room
Balcony level of waiting room

Ticket windows
Lunch at Sage Restaurant, on New Haven Sound
Displaying the Gilbert china at Helen’s dinner party
Cindy, Helen, upper left
Barbara, lower left
Ann, Nick, above
Cass Gilbert (1859-1934) and Julia Finch Gilbert (1862-1952), Ridgefield (Conn.) Cemetery
Elizabeth Gilbert (1890-1904), buried in Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul

Emily Finch Gilbert (1888-1962)

Cass Gilbert, Jr. (1894-1975)

Julia Gilbert (1892-1932) married to Charles Post (1876-1970)
Fountain in Ridgefield, Conn., opposite the Cannonball House
The Cannonball House, now the Keeler Tavern Museum, Ridgefield, Connecticut, 1772, purchased by the Gilbergs in 1907
The cannonball in the wall, upper left;
Historic doorway, lower left;
Part of the group touring the Cannonball House, above
Rear wing of house

Stable

Caretaker’s House

Old schoolhouse moved to site
Garden views
The Garden House, ca. 1915, with decorative urn on terrace
Helen and Chuck by the garden house

Reviewing plans for the stable in the Cass Gilbert dining room
Barbara Christen speaking at lunch, top left
Tom Blanck speaking at lunch, lower left
Steve Flanders plays Bach on his cello after lunch
Wendy salutes a successful tour

Helen waves good-bye